

## **Renewable Fuel Use at All-Time High Under New Energy Bill**

*Final Legislation Expected to Pass House this Week*

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Congressman Jerry Moran today lauded the expected final passage of an energy bill this week that would require historic levels of renewable fuel use. Under an agreement reached this week, H.R. 6, the Energy Policy Act of 2005, would require petroleum refiners to use 7.5 billion gallons of renewable fuels, such as ethanol and biodiesel, by 2012.

"The use of more grain-based fuels is good for the environment, as they burn cleaner, good for Kansas farmers, who will have additional markets for their crops and good for the Kansas economy because of additional jobs and revenue," Moran said. "Because of the use of ethanol, a gallon of gas is already estimated to be ten cents cheaper, and corn prices could increase by more than ten percent. This energy bill has been a long time coming, and the American people will benefit from its passage."

Kansas currently has seven ethanol plants in operation, with a capacity of 170 million gallons per year, using 65 million bushels of corn and grain sorghum. Several more are in various stages of development.

Also included in this comprehensive energy legislation are incentives for more domestic oil production, as well as investments in the country's electric transmission capacity in order to reduce the danger of blackouts. Other provisions call for additional use of solar energy and incentives for hybrid cars and hydrogen use.

"In addition to being an economic boon for our state, this energy legislation works to lower the costs of fuel for cars, homes and businesses and will reduce the country's dependence on foreign oil," Moran said. "For far too long, we've been relying on other countries to supply our fuel. Finally, we can depend more upon our home-grown products and energy sources to meet the needs of the American people."

As a senior member of the House Agriculture Committee, Moran has long been an advocate for incorporating a greater use of renewable fuels derived from agriculture commodities into a long-term energy policy. H.R. 6 is expected for a vote by the House and Senate later this week before going to the President to become law.

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